

## Ag BMP Funding

- Cost share will be far less in FY16 than FY15 \$24 Million
- No surplus from FY14 for FY16 WQIF
- Recordation fees significantly lower than \$10 million appropriation
- House Bill 5010 reducing VNRCF by \$1 million in both FY15 & FY16
- Discussions are taking place about using the \$8.1 million WQIF-Reserve
- Taken together, will be difficult to address (current) \$11.5 million SL-6 backlog, \$3.2 million in the watershed

## USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant requests

- Full proposals submitted to both CCA and state pools
- CCA – joint application w/Maryland and Delaware for \$4.3 M out of \$9.5 M
- SL-6 - \$3.5 M, \$800K for riparian buffer work by CBF and DOF
- State will provide EQIP match for participating farmers = 100%
- State pool - \$3 M = \$1M for VOF easements, rest for technical assistance, engineering for structural agricultural BMPs for four years
- Virginia's state pool allocation ~ \$1.3 million
- Anticipate USDA-NRCS decision in mid-November

## Resource Management Plan Program update

- Governor promoted RMPs during Agriculture Day in August
- Nine applications for RMP Plan Developer certifications so far
- Developed RMP BMP specifications (development and implementation)
- VACS funding \$60K Bay + \$100K in OCB
- RFP has resulted in demand for twice the \$240,000 budgeted in CBRAP
- Could have around 275 RMPs vs. 40 in Chesapeake Bay by December 2015